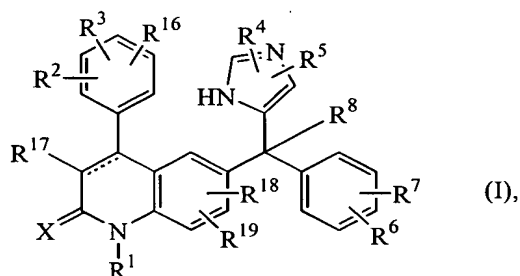


## ABSTRACT

Method of use of (imidazol-5-yl)methyl-2-quinolinone derivatives  
to inhibit smooth muscle cell proliferation.

This invention comprises the use of compounds of formula (I)



wherein the dotted line represents an optional bond; X is oxygen or sulfur; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-12</sub>alkyl, Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, quinolinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, pyridylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, mono- or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk<sup>1</sup>-C(=O)-R<sup>9</sup>, -Alk<sup>1</sup>-S(O)-R<sup>9</sup> or -Alk<sup>1</sup>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-R<sup>9</sup>; R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, mono- or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, Ar<sup>2</sup>oxy, Ar<sup>2</sup>C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl; R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each independently are hydrogen, halo, Ar<sup>1</sup>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylthio, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylS(O)C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylS(O)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, 4,4-dimethyl-oxazolyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy or Ar<sup>2</sup>oxy; R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, cyano, hydroxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, cyanoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, carboxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, mono- or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, imidazolyl, haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminocarbonylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or a radical of formula -O-R<sup>10</sup>, -S-R<sup>10</sup>, -N-R<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>; R<sup>17</sup> is hydrogen, halo, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar<sup>1</sup>; R<sup>18</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy or halo; R<sup>19</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; for the manufacture of a medicament to inhibit smooth muscle cell proliferation.